

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

January 25, 2016

The Regular Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, at 8:00 p.m. in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Sindelar,
Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Absent: Mr. Furry

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mrs. Costello, Mr. Thomas

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

Press: Ms. Botos

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11th be waived, and that the minutes be accepted as submitted

Vote: Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – abstain	Mr. Sindelar – aye	Klym – aye
Moran – aye				
5 ayes	1 abstain	0 nays		PASSED

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, that the reading of the minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of January 19th be waived, and that the minutes be accepted as submitted

Vote: Hunt – abstain	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – aye	Mr. Sindelar – abstain	Klym – aye
Moran – aye				
4 ayes	2 abstain	0 nays		PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor alerted Council that several cars were broken into over the weekend in the neighborhoods between Rocky River Public Library and I 90. All cars were unlocked and were ransacked. The Rocky River Police Department would like to remind residents to keep their car doors locked and remove any valuables from your vehicles.

The Mayor announced that the city received official notification from DOPWIC, the District One Public Works Integrating Committee, confirming that the City of Rocky River will receive

a \$5.2 million dollar, zero interest loan for the Hampton/Lakeview Sewer and Waterline Improvement Project. This area is south of I 90 where the last overflow is located. The total amount for this project is \$6.9 million dollars. There is approximately \$303,000 being held in a contingency fund. Once the projects begin, that money may come back to the city. If not, the City of Rocky River will be responsible for this amount. 2016 will be an engineering period for this project with construction beginning in 2017 and possibly continuing into 2018. A huge thank you to Director Costello and City Engineers Mike McKay and Kim Kerber.

The city ordered another eight hundred tons of salt. Four hundred tons was expended during the last snowstorm leaving seventeen to eighteen hundred tons of salt in the barn.

The Ventrac that was purchased by Council was used on the sidewalks along Center Ridge Road during the last snowstorm. The Ventrac will also be used on bridge sidewalks as well as sidewalks along Center Ridge and Detroit Roads after the roads have been cleared.

The MetroParks System began deer culling in mid-January. This program is recognized as a successful deer-management program in the region and will run through the middle of March. These sections of the park are closed to the public during this time. The park system donates the venison meat to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to be utilized. If Council hears of any concerns, please forward to the Mayor.

The 2016 Concert Series has eight concerts planned this year and the Parks and Recreation Foundation is looking for additional sponsors. Slated for this year are: The Rocky River High School Jazz Band; Community Band and Choir; Good Vibrations (Beach Boy Tribute Band); Revolution Pie (Beatles Tribute Band); Jersey Beat Band (Tribute to Frankie Valley and music of that era); Frank & Dean - Rat Pack; Out of Eden (an Eagles Tribute Band) and Rumors (Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band).

Fire Chief Lenart announced that today marks the 54th anniversary of the Westlake Hotel Fire. The Chief pointed out that it was at this time that the city realized it needed a ladder truck. A ladder truck was borrowed from the City of Brooklyn fifty-four years ago to combat this fire.

The Rocky River Residence Reference Guide will be delivered to residents by the end of the week. Residents will find this to be a useful guide in finding information regarding the City of Rocky River. A huge thank you to Mary Ellen Umerley, who has worked along with the Cleveland Magazine to prepare this publication.

- Councilman Sindelar asked if Ready Notify would be replacing the Nixle Platform. The Mayor responded that the Nixle Platform will be kept because that is used more by the Rocky River Police Department and is implemented free of charge. Ready Notify will be utilized exclusively beginning February 1, 2016. Ready Notify will improve the level of communication to residents as it is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via landline, texts, cell phone, email or fax. Ready Notify is sponsored by the County and is free of charge. Residents will have to go online to register. Residents do not need a computer to receive messages, but they will need a computer to register. Ready Notify

also asks residents if they have any disabilities. This information is communicated to the emergency management group so residents can be better served.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Klym said that the Parks and Recreation Committee met on Thursday. Kathy Goepfert and Ed Wasp were sworn in by the Mayor to continue their new terms on the committee. Joe Roszak is the School Board representative for the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Roszak works for the MetroParks and has been a great addition to the committee. Sunday morning hours will be extended at the Recreation Center beginning in April. The hours are currently 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will change to 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

President Moran received phone calls this week regarding the change from C.C.A. to R.I.T.A. Below are the questions received along with the answers from Finance Director Michael Thomas:

- 1. What happens to the 2015 estimated payments I made to C.C.A.?**
C.C.A. has credited (or will credit) those payments to your account as 2015 estimated payments.
- 2. Should I pay C.C.A. for the third and fourth quarter estimated tax bills to C.C.A.?**
Yes. C.C.A. will credit those payments to your account as 2015 estimated payments.
- 3. If I have a question about my tax information, should I call C.C.A. or R.I.T.A.?**
Up to December 31, 2015, all such calls should be made to C.C.A.; effective January 1, 2016, all questions should be directed to R.I.T.A.
- 4. How do I contact R.I.T.A.?**
R.I.T.A. may be reached at (440) 526-0900 or www.ritaohio.com.

Finance Director Thomas reiterated that the 2015 return income tax should be filed with R.I.T.A.

PUBLIC COMMENT – LEGISLATIVE ITEMS: NONE

ORDINANCE NO. 89-15 **BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE EASEMENTS TO JOSEPH P. VALORE AND VALORE BUILDERS BY THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, AND AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBITS "A-1" AND "A-2" ON HOLD

This Ordinance has been referred to the Planning Commission so this will be on hold until Council has received a report from the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 91-15 **BY: ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**
AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE BOARD OF TAX REVIEW MEMBERS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 171.2821 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO

2nd READING

Mr. Moran said the Mayor has made her appointment of Dr. Gary Previts to the Board of Tax Review, and Council would like to appoint Mr. John Urban and Mr. Brian Kolonick to serve on the Board of Tax Review. This will be read one more time in two weeks.

ORDINANCE NO. 2-16

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF SEWER RATES PAID TO THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICES FOR THE VALLEYVIEW SEWER DISTRICT

2nd READING

Lakewood has adopted new rates at their December 21, 2015 Council Meeting in the amount of \$4.96 per hundred cubic feet (ccf) of metered water consumption to \$5.58 per ccf for 109 homes in the Valleyview area. The Valleyview residence that are served by the City of Lakewood for Wastewater Treatment Services pay the same rate as all Rocky River residents, and the difference is paid by the City of Rocky River. There is also a base charge of \$8.35 per mcf for a total rate of \$64.15 per mcf. The increase is what the city will pay. The Valleyview area residents will continue to pay the same rate as in the past. These 109 homes have sewers that go down into Lakewood instead of Rocky River. This will have one more read.

ORDINANCE NO. 3-16

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MI-TECH SERVICES, INC. FOR STORM AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM SERVICES FOR 2016 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$61,494.95

2nd READING

Mr. Shepherd said that five bids were received with a high bid of \$132,000 to the low bid of Mi-Tech at less than half the price of the high bid. This a good price. This will be read one more time.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Council received an amended Liquor License Request regarding the Cleveland Bistro/Tartines. This request has been approved. Councilman Shepherd said that Tartines has been a very good corporate asset for the city and is a nice place to go.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council